

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace, in its entirety, paragraph 0032 of the specification with the following amended version of paragraph 0032:

“[0032] Another challenge in optical multiplexing arrangements is addressing the temperature sensitivities of the equipment used in such arrangements. For example the wavelength of the DFB laser(s) that are commonly used in a CWDM system changes according to the temperature at which it is operating, as well as with age and other factors. The change in wavelength may be as much as 15 pm/°C. This means that a particular channel may need a bandwidth in some applications that is +/- 6nm from the defined carrier channel wavelength. Thus, one characteristic of an exemplary add/drop module is that the flat-top frequency response is essentially constant over a bandwidth about a defined carrier channel wavelength, wherein the bandwidth is about ± 6 nm. Further, the interleaver device itself has some temperature sensitivities. As described previously, the optical characteristics of the fused-fiber interleaver are obtained by stretching or pulling the optical fiber. Changes in temperature will cause the interleaver device to expand or contract thus changing the filtering characteristics of the device.”